

## STANDARDIZATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

October 9, 2002

### Members Attending

Verne Crookshanks, Chair  
Ted Dinkler  
Pete Dinkler  
Stephen Patricio  
Mark Fanucchi  
Mitchell Ardantz

### CDFA Representatives

Bob Cummings  
Stacey Hughes  
Patricia Schroeder

### Interested Parties

Tom Oliveri, WGA  
Rob Neenan, CGTFL  
Dennis Plann, Fresno County Ag Commissioner's Office

## **CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / INTRODUCTIONS**

Verne Crookshanks called the meeting to order. Bob Cummings called roll and a quorum was established.

## **COMMITTEE REAPPOINTMENTS**

Bob Cummings stated Ted Dinkler, Jon Zaninovich, Jerry Prieto, Jim Carter, Stephen Patricio, Verne Crookshanks and Tom Nunes were reappointed.

## **APPROVAL OF APRIL 16, 2002, MINUTES**

Verne Crookshanks stated the minutes were mailed to the members.

**MOTION:** Ted Dinkler moved to accept the minutes with the correction of Dennis Plann's company name changed from Western Growers Association to Fresno County. Steve Patricio seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## **COUNTY CONTRACTS**

Bob Cummings reviewed a summary of what the counties' contracts were last year, what they budgeted and what they actually spent, along with the summary for the current fiscal year. Bob stated the purpose of the contract is for standardization and enforcement.

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### **MONTEREY COUNTY CONTRACT**

No report was given, as Eric Lauritzen, Monterey County Agricultural Commissioner, was not present to give the end of year report.

Tom Oliveri expressed his concerns regarding Monterey County's Agricultural Commissioners Office conducting an excessive number of inspections and the packing companies are feeling harassed as a result. Bob Cummings stated they are still subject to standardization quality requirements and container marketing requirements. Just because they repealed the mandatory inspection, they're still subject to standardization enforcement. Tom stated there are 120 different commodities and it seems like they are only focusing on salad products.

Steve Patricio suggested adding the issue to the next meeting's agenda.

### **REGULATION CHANGES - UPDATE**

Bob Cummings stated the citrus regulation is still pending a decision. Bob explained the regulation would adopt three new containers if approved. These are container numbers 65, 66 and 67. Container number 65 may be used for all citrus. Container number 66 may be used for all citrus except grapefruit and container number 67 may be used for lemons only. Once the Secretary has approved the regulation and it is been filed with the Office of Administrative Law, CDFA will request an expedited review. Bob explained the difference between the Office of Administrative Law and the Office of Administrative Hearing.

### **REPORT ON EXPERIMENTAL CONTAINER PERMIT AUDITS**

Stacey Hughes reviewed the audit results and permit breakdowns of experimental container permits for Fresno and Tulare Counties, along with Riverside and Ventura Counties. Stacey stated the audit summary results only represents 10% of the permits issued for each of the above-mentioned counties. The Committee discussed the audit results at length.

**MOTION:** Steve Patricio made a motion for the continuation of the audit program for all counties. Ted Dinkler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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**MOTION:** Steve Patricio made a motion that if the applicant is out of compliance with their experimental container permit due to an audit, then the permit is invalid and all other permits, along with recently expired permits, are subject to an immediate audit. Ted Dinkler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **BUDGET STATUS REPORT:**

#### **Fiscal Years 2000/2001 and 2001/2002 Budget Status Report**

Bob Cummings reviewed the 2000/2001 and 2001/2002 budgets. The report covered actual expenditures for 2000/2001. Bob stated the approved budget for 2001/2002 was \$1.9 million and the expenditures were \$1.2 million.

#### **Fiscal Year 2002/2003**

Bob Cummings reviewed the projected revenue and expenditures for the 2002/2003 fiscal year. The fiscal year began with an ending cash balance of \$2.08 million. The projected revenue for 2002/2003 is \$888,000. The proposed budget is for \$1.8 million. The projected expenditures for 2002/2003 are \$1.4 million with an additional expenditure of \$72,000 for prior year.

### **REVENUE/FUND BALANCE REPORT**

Bob Cummings stated the cash reserve as of June 30, 2002, was \$2.5 million and the trust fund balance was \$270,878.

### **FEE SCHEDULE CHANGE UPDATE**

Bob Cummings reviewed the fee schedule change with the Committee by stating the revenue fees were cut by 50% effective July 1, 2002.

### **CONSOLIDATION OF PROGRAMS AND STAFF CHANGES**

Bob Cummings stated the Fruit, Vegetable, and Egg Quality Control and Shipping Point Inspection Branches will merge into one branch. Bob stated the individual programs would continue to keep their separate identities. The Committee discussed Bob's upcoming retirement and its effect on the Standardization Program. Bob stated Stacy Hughes would be taking over a lot of his responsibilities when he retires.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

The Committee discussed the future of the Standardization Program and that other states and international companies are dictating what California should do regarding standardization.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting date will be in April to discuss the budget for the next fiscal year. The Committee agreed the date would be set by CDFA and the meeting place will be Harris Ranch.

Bob Cummings stated his retirement date of October 30th has been moved due to the Governor's Executive Order of the "Golden Handshake" to be offered from December 3 through February 1, 2003.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Gary Manning, Program Supervisor